

No. 15 *Calandrinia* sp.

Tjanga (Murchison-Gascoyne name)

The Parakeelya plant. This succulent resembles the cultivated Portulacca, but has much thicker stems and foliage. Flowers are yellow, white or pink and the plant spreads over an area of about 2½ feet in diameter. The plant is picked whole, baked in hot sand for a few minutes and eaten. When raw, it has a slightly bitter taste which disappears with cooking.

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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

New Locality Record for the Western Shrike-Tit, *Falconculus frontatus*.—A male bird was observed foraging amongst the foliage and branches of Karri trees approximately 7 miles south of Shannon. The area is typical Karri forest but it has been opened up by logging operations and large tracts of young regeneration are present.

Previously this bird has not been recorded from the heavily forested areas and only occasionally from the fringes, viz. along the Blackwood River at Boyup Brook, Karridale in 1961 and at Irwin's Inlet in 1912-13. (Serventy and Whittell, *Birds of Western Australia*, 1967).

—P. CHRISTENSEN, Manjimup.

Crested Penguin near Augusta.—On January 6th, 1972, my son, Michael, found a Crested Penguin, *Eudyptes chrysocome*, on the beach, in Flinders Bay (34° 20' S, 115° 12' E), about 3 km east of the mouth of the Blackwood River.

It was a young bird in the process of moulting, making it difficult to separate from the similar species *E. pachyrhynchus* and *E. sclateri*, i.e. it could not be determined if the crest did or did not meet above the eyes.

However the large subterminal black patch under the flipper, as described in *Birds of Western Australia*, 4th edition, p.72, was quite apparent.

The bird was taken home overnight for identification and when returned to the beach next day, entered the sea for a drink before seeking partial shelter on the beach.

—M. C. ELLIS, Manning.

An Occurrence of a Yellowfin Tuna, *Thunnus albacares*, in the Swan River.—At 3 p.m., April 8, 1972, Mr R. Miller of Esperance observed a large fish swimming slowly in shallow water near the jetty at Matilda Bay, some 10 miles up river. Mr Miller jumped into the water and after quite a struggle managed to haul it on to the bank where it was killed. The fish was taken to the house of Mr C. Weir of Mt. Lawley where it was filleted. I examined the head and complete skeleton of the fish and identified it as a Yellowfin Tuna measuring 127 cm from tip of snout to fork of tail. Salinity determinations were made by Mr J. Kowarsky, Zoology Department, University of Western Australia, at Mosman Park and Point Heathcote, Swan River between 8.15 and 8.45 a.m. April 10, 1972; these were 34.5°/oo and 34.2°/oo respectively; bottom temperatures were 20.2°C and 19.8°C. This is the first record of a tuna entering the Swan River.

—R. J. McKAY, Western Australian Museum.